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Honorable Bill Clinger House of Representatives 2160 Rayburn Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Clinger:

This is in reply to your letter of April 13, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the  $\underline{Notice}$ .

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the <u>Notice</u>, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

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Mr. Eugene Thomson Federal Communications Commission Private Radio Bureau 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Thomson:



#### TRI-STATE SOARING SOCIETY

The Honorable William Clinger
1122 Longworth Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Please give me your help to continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Thank you for your help,

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471 Enterprise Rd.

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Feb. 23, 1993

2308 Abington Circle State College, PA 16801 February 23, 1993

The Honorable William F. Clinger House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clinger:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am retired and active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies id diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weight as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely.

Donald L. Krebs

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CENTRE MEDICAL GROUP 233 EASTERLY PARKWAY STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA 16801

February 24, 1993

The Honorable William Clinger U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Clinger:

I am writing concerning a proposed rule by the FCC, PR Docket 92-235. This rule concerns a small matter but one of great interest to people like me. I build and fly radio controlled airplanes and helicopters. We are assigned specific frequencies for model use that are already spaced close together. The closeness of the frequencies have made most of us purchase new radios at a great expense to safely operate our airplanes. In addition to the close spacing, there is already a commercial radio channel in between several of our current frequencies. The above proposed rule would further subdivide the channels to place us and the commercial frequencies into a situation that would almost guarantee interference.

Interference at the commercial level is bad enough, as it results in garbled communications that must be repeated. Interference to us results in a certain economic disaster, i.e., a plane crash, but potentially, a personal disaster as well. The aircraft we fly may weigh as much as 55 pounds and fly as fast as 150 m.p.h. This much energy without control will always crash and, if into an individual, may cause severe injury.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, AMA, has designed safety into its charter as a primary concern in our hobby. All of our flying sites are tightly regulated to insure participant and observer safety. The proposed rule puts all of us in jeopardy because control of the aircraft is lost when radio interference occurs.

Building and flying these aircraft are a major source of leisure for me, and I have invested thousands of hours in building and many dollars in equipment to make my hobby enjoyable and safe.

The proposed rule specifies frequencies but does not specify the quality of the radio transmissions at those frequencies nearly to the tolerance that the AMA and FCC does for our radio transmissions. The regulations would not require

The Honorable William Clinger February 24, 1993 Page 2

tight tolerances allowing them to interfere easily with our transmissions at all times. Furthermore, the proposed channels are for mobile units, making them impossible to locate and avoid. They could even be present on the same flying fields with our transmitters during flying.

I suggest the solution to the problem is two fold. One, insert the new channels at other frequencies, even though not less crowded, but ones where interference does not have such dire consequences. Second, out of consideration of users on adjacent frequencies, require the users of new frequencies to purchase and operate "narrow band" equipment that sharply limits its radio frequency radiation strictly to the assigned frequency with no spill over into adjacent frequencies.

I hope this letter is not too late and your influence and concern will see a just and safe solution to this problem.

Sincerely yours,

J Alfred Jones, M.D.

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The Honorable William, Clinger U.S. House of Reps. Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Clinger:

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I am very concerned about the Federal Communications Commissions' proposal (PR Docket 92-235) that would greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

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Modelers go to great lengths to assure the safety of other flyers and spectators and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the coordination and use of our frequencies. If we have less frequencies to use, the remaining frequencies will become congested and safety will decrease.

Our models have become larger, heavier and more costly. They are capable of causing personal injury and property damage if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We need all our present channels, especially at large model events where numerous flyers are present, to ensure a safe flying environment.

I do not feel that the F.C.C. should expand the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The F.C.C. may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the F.C.C. to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Fred Maier ama 22261



#### STATE COLLEGE RADIO CONTROL CLUB

STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA 16801
AMA CHARTER NUMBER 662

Feb. 21, 1993

The Honorable William F. Clinger Jr. 2160 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Clinger

My name is George Gurney, AMA 31716, and I have been the club treasurer for the State College Radio Control Club for many years. In addition, I keep the records of the frequency distribution for the club. (average membership 75)

When new members or old members want to buy or change frequencies, I can tell them which frequencies are the least crowded. I have sent the FCC the current club frequency listing showing the present distribution. A cross reference would show that many members have more than one frequency, eg. Elwood Struble, channels 30, 38, 48, 50, 54, and 56. I can assure you that these frequencies are not just spares, but that each one is in an aircraft with average values of 500.00 or more dollars.

Our flying field is located one third of a mile from RT. 26 three miles north of Pleasant Gap PA. I don't think I need to say more about our worries concerning PR Docket 92-235 due to the presence of the highway or indeed the mobility of the problem right at the field. The 10 khm spacing has caused enough problems itself which most clubs have dealt with. However the 2.5 khz with much greater power and of course the possible abuse of that power eg. CB radios affecting the 27 mhz frequencies which are all but abandoned, will main the hobby.

Please support the Hobby Industry and the thousands of model airplane enthusiast and encourage the FCC to retain the 10 khz spacing we now have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George B. Gurney AMA 31716

1705 S. Allen St.

State College, PA. 15801

February 22, 1993

Paul L. Brubaker 2021 Maryellen Lane State College, PA 16801

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Representative Clinger:

This letter concerns PR Docket 92-235, which concerns the FCC's proposed land mobile frequency restructuring. As a radio controlled model enthusiast, I am afraid that the new rules will make drastic cuts in the frequencies assigned for the use of model planes, and by doing so the new rules will create an unsafe situation for hobbyists and bystanders alike by allowing land mobile frequencies to interfere with model airplane frequencies.

The plan to restructure current bands and introduce more land mobile frequencies will cut the number of frequencies available to us in the 72-76 MHz band from fifty to only nineteen, creating severe congestion on the nineteen frequencies remaining for our use. As we are talking about model planes that can weigh up to forty pounds and have wingspans of up to ten feet, we have the potential for disaster to life or property if clogged radio frequencies cause an operator to lose control of the plane.

Another concern is that events sponsored by clubs such as the one to which I belong would become a thing of the past because there would not be enough frequencies available to choreograph an exhibition with any margin for safety. The time, effort, money, and enthusiasm that thousands of hobbyists have poured into the sport will have gone for nothing if exhibitions can no longer be safely held because operating conditions of land mobile radio users have been improved at the expense of radio control modelers.

I would appreciate your help in allowing me to continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by your vote against the FCC's restructuring proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Brubaker

February 22, 1993

Philip K. McCall 105 Wyndham Circle Boalsburg, PA 16827

RE: PR Docket 92-235

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Dear Representative Clinger:

This letter shares my concerns about PR Docket 92-235, the FCC's proposed land mobile frequency restructuring. I am a radio controlled model enthusiast who uses the hobby as R&R from my extremely high stress business. Over the years this hobby has brought me quite a bit of satisfaction and won me quite a few new friends, as well as fostering valuable contacts for my business. My fear is that the new rules will make drastic cuts in the frequencies assigned for the use of model planes and will create an unsafe situation for hobbyists and bystanders alike by allowing land mobile frequencies to interfere with model airplane frequencies. Ultimately, I fear that the rules will bring an end to the sport on any reasonable scale.

The plan to restructure current bands and introduce more land mobile frequencies will slash the number of frequencies available to us in the 72-76 MHz band from fifty to nineteen, creating overcrowding on the few frequencies remaining for modelers' use. The model planes about which I am speaking can weigh up to forty pounds and have wingspans of up to ten feet. The potential for disaster to life or property exists if overlapping radio frequencies cause an operator to lose control of a plane of such size, traveling at any speed.

Events and contests sponsored by clubs all over the nation could become a thing of the past due to insufficient frequencies available to coordinate a large number of craft and operators with any margin for safety. The enthusiasm that thousands of hobbyists have channelled into designing and flying their planes will have gone for nothing if exhibitions can no longer be safely held. Is it fair to negate the investments of time and labor and dollars of the radio control hobbyists to improve the operating conditions only for land mobile radio users?

I would be gratified by your vote against the FCC's restructuring proposal for the 72-76 MHz band, a vote which would allow me and many others our safe continuation of the radio control model airplane hobby.

Sincerely,

Philip K. McCall

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## FEB 25 1993

917 Allen Street Titusville, Pennsylvania 16354 February 19, 1993

The Honorable William Clinger U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20818

Dear Sir.

I am writing concerning proposed rule P R Docket 92-235. As an active member of a local model airplane flying group, I am very concerned that if this rule is adopted, modelers will suffer.

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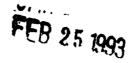
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Sincerely, Buran T. Owtall

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317 Allen Street Titusville: Pannsylvania 18084 February 18, 1998

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The Honorable William Clinger 23 1993 <u>Mote</u> 1 U.S. House of Reps. Washington, DC. 20515 RE: P.R. Nocket RE: P.R. Docket 92-235 Sir. I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure



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Thomas Anderson

243 E. State Street

Pleasantville, PA. 16341

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Sincerely,

Stuart Agency

42 Mc Kinley Ave

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WILLIAM F. LITTLEFÍELD

PRESIDENT OF KINZUA AEROMODELERS

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Sincerely,

ROBISON, CHARLES S. 266 PLEASANT DRIVE WARREN, PA. 16365

Charles & Robinson

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